

Leicester,  
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My dear friend Garrison,

102 I thank you very much for the two Travellers, reporting the Faneuil Hall meeting, & containing your acknowledgements of money received for the "fugitive freedmen"! What a suggestive name for them! and how painfully it recalls the other phrase, which for so many years made us ashamed of our country, and wrung so many hearts with pity, grief, or terror! But as you say, you have, so I try to have, yes, I do have, faith in the Divine justice that this movement will be productive of good to the entire colored population at the South; and I was very glad for your words that you think "they have never had so many sympathizing friends as now." Bp. Haven's parallel between this exodus from the South and that of the Israelites from Egypt was well drawn & must have been very effective - especially in regard to the efforts to detain both.

I am extremely sorry to hear of your poor health. I called on Frank last Wedn., and he told me you had gone to New York; and that, as he had but just learned, you were much exhausted by your ride on. Still, I trust it will prove well that you went on; and that the change of scene, being, &c., will do you good. And you will treasure and prize these days with Fanny and her little ones, before she again crosses the sea. Should you see Wendell, — as of course you will, — please give him my very kind regards, and say that he must not think hard of me for not answering a very kind letter he wrote to me many months ago. It was not dismissed from my mind, nor is it even now. The answer has long been in intention — where so many of my plans, &c., are; whether ever to be accomplished in time, I begin to be doubtful; but I do mean that a letter to him shall be.



I am mailing to you with this a "Spy" of  
last <sup>week,</sup> having some correspondence between Waverley  
& St. Louis touching the "Exodus". There will  
be nothing new to you; but I think you will  
like to see every evidence of interest in the case.

- My mother, after a winter of unusually  
good health & freedom from even slight ailments,  
has been quite ill lately, keeping her chamber  
& bed for a time; but got quite well over it,  
even to her doctor's surprise, and is - or was  
a few days since - nearly as well as before.

We are all pretty well here, and  
send our best love to you, and to Fanny.  
Don't feel called on to <sup>in reply</sup> write a single word.  
Your notes are so carefully written, as to  
require far more time than my hurried  
ones; and your time & strength, I know,  
have already too many demands on them.

Always truly, Yrs  
Saml. May

